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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mulham BAYASSI Art Unit :
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USE WITH E-MAIL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examining the referenced application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows [a marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached as Appendix A]:

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3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the notification message includes an identifier of a receiver/decoder to which the notification message is to be sent.

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5. (Amended) A method according to claim 3 wherein the receiver/decoder has a smartcard number and the identifier comprises at least part of the smartcard number.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 further comprising storing information relating to e-mail accounts, preferably at a central location.
